

Lakeside Community Council Meeting Minutes prepared by Keith Brown

May 26, 2009 Tuesday

Council Members Present: Gregg Schoh, Keith Brown, Rex Boller, Brent Hall, and John Ulrich.

Council Members Absent: Janet Heinze and Dave Anderson

See attendance sheet for community members present.

Meeting called to order by Gregg Schoh at 7:03pm.

Park Committee Update:

- Ben Williams - update of park in full swing
- County gave approval to raise money for tennis courts at Ben Williams Park. So far, bids to build the courts are coming in at \$70-80k for two courts
- Park Committee views gaining public access to Flathead Lake as a priority and is working on various options to present at future dates.

Downtown Committee Update:

- Brent Hall coordinated the first meeting to organize the group. Group discussion followed on a variety of topics but nothing specifically nailed down. Plans are to identify specific focus areas and present back to the council some recommendations.
- Brent Hall is maintaining minutes and said he will provide minutes of the meeting to Gregg and/or Keith.

Minutes from the April council meeting were presented by Keith Brown. Brent Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by John Ulrich. Motion carried unanimously.

Floor opened for public comment:

Jonathon Smith, Flathead County Attorney attended to discuss process as a reminder and an educational opportunity for the council and public on procedures and processes that need to be followed. Mr. Smith felt the council did not have problems associated with processes or errors he was particularly worried about.

- Mr. Smith mentioned the letter from Jim Etzler requesting all information on SpringCreek Zoning and stated that the council should comply with Mr. Etzler's request for any information the council had on the zoning. It was agreed the council would do so. However, it was also stated that the Council was generally not involved in the zoning proposals other than hearing updates from Sue Handy who helped to coordinate the efforts for the Spring Creek community.
- Mr. Smith also mentioned the Yahoo Group used in association with the Lakeside Neighborhood Plan. He stated that laws associated with newer toolsets such as this have not kept up with the technology. He discussed the importance of ensuring all information is made public. The Yahoo Group is now open to the public with read only access until June 19th. Mr. Smith does not think there was any wrong doing associated with the use of the site. He reiterated the importance of ensuring that all tools, meetings, processes, etc. are open for public review. He did not believe the site was used in a secretive manner.

Questions about the Neighborhood Plan next steps came up. The council and several members of the planning committee stated:

- Written comments would be taken until June 19th.
- General feeling was that there have been many opportunities for the public to provide feedback.
- Overall, the process has gone well and produced great results.
- At the next council meeting (5/26) the planning committee should have a modified plan including comments.
- Sue Hanson who has been involved with the Big Fork Plan since 2000 commented that the Lakeside Planning Committee had made an amazing amount of progress in a short period of time.

No further public comments.

Keith Brown mentioned that the council should have a recommendation to the County Commissioners for a council member to fill the position being vacated by Dave Anderson. Discussion on several candidates ensued.

Rex Boller moved that Mike Wilson be recommended to fill the appointed seat. Motion seconded by John Ulrich. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm